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## **VIA ECF**

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan United States District Court Southern District of New York United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Samuel Bankman-Fried, 22 Cr. 673 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

On behalf of our client, Samuel Bankman-Fried, we respectfully submit this letter to advise the Court about the status of finding an independent technical expert to advise the Court on technical issues concerning Mr. Bankman-Fried's bail conditions, and the status of the parties' discussions concerning new proposed bail conditions for Mr. Bankman-Fried. The parties have been diligently vetting candidates to serve as the Court's technical consultant but have not yet identified a suitable candidate. Similarly, the parties have been engaged in productive discussions about additional bail conditions for Mr. Bankman-Fried but would like more time to complete those discussions.

At the February 16, 2023 conference, the Court indicated that it would be amenable to giving the parties additional time to work through these issues. See Tr. 2/16/2023 Conf. at 28-29. For the reasons set forth above, we respectfully request that the Court grant the defense an extension of time to file our proposal for the Court's technical consultant and additional bail conditions until Friday, March 3, 2023. The Government has no objection to this request. The parties also have no objection to continuing Mr. Bankman-Fried's current bail conditions for whatever period the Court deems appropriate while these discussions are taking place.

Respectfully submitted,

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